

Bar Hill News

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We welcome to the Village:

Mr. Holloway (temporarily) who is the resident engineer for the A 604 flyover. May we say, in the nicest way, that we hope his stay will be a short one?

May we also extend our belated welcome to Mr. Thompson and his family, who becomes the landlord of "The Fox".

Spring has almost arrived and how do I know - well its quite easy. The approach of Spring is heralded by a number of signs. First there's the arrival of the rate demand (up by about 25% this year, so I'm told). Then, through the same letter box, the Inland Revenue will be sending out returns for the tax year ending April 5. No doubt you've also had your notice of maintenance monies outstanding from the developers, and of course there's what we are all waiting for - the Budget with all its belt-tightening implications, more feared than ever this year with threats of higher income tax an increased taxes on tobacco, alcohol, motoring and other 'luxury goods'. And just in case you missed it, the cost of sending a letter went up on March 17th to 7p first class and 5½p second class (two years ago it was 3p and 2½p).

So, what have we got to look forward to? Well, in April, electricity is likely to go up 30% and television licences go up to £8 (black and white) and £18 for colour. National Bus Company fares will rise an average 25% - 35% and car insurance premiums are following suit. On April 7th, school meals go up from 12p to 15p and on April 28th, telephone charges go up by an average of 29% on a household bill. The maximum connection charge rises to £45 and the quarterly rental from £6.25 to £8.25.



The objectives of the BHRA are to act as an intermediary between the residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the village, and to promote the interest of Bar Hill Village.

This year's Committee are:

Chairman of the Committee	Ken Anderson	47 Fox Hollow	Tel. 80492
Secretary	Kevin Read-Jones	23 Fox Hollow	Tel. 80384
Treasurer	George Clapinski	133 Pheasant Rise	Tel. 80996
Membership Secretary	Eric Levitt	27 Otlands Avenue	Tel. 80266
Vice-Chairman		45 Fox Hollow	Tel. 80908
	Sue Turner	89 Pheasant Rise	Tel. 80716
	Jo Hall	41 Otter Close	Tel. 80304
	Mary Ingram	17 Otter Close	Tel. 80447
	Janet Wood	3 Almond Grove	Tel. 80573
	Tom Flanagan	104 Pheasant Rise	
	Peter Hoare	14 Pheasant Rise,	Tel. 80758
		27 Fox Hollow	Tel. 80269
	Gerry Brunning	29 Otter Close	
		21 Hanover Close	

According to the Post Office, overall call charges will go up by 29%, but if you pick the wrong time to phone, the cost could be much more. For example, on a local STD call, the peak charge, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. is 1.5p for 3 minutes. It will be 1.8p for 2 minutes. The cheap rate is 1.5p for 12 minutes, and will be 1.8p for 8 minutes. So minute by minute the two rates will nearly double. The standard rate goes up from 1.5p to 1.8p a unit, but the time, 3 minutes, remains.

Yes, Spring is on the way.

The Editor.

COPY

Copy date for inclusion of articles, advertisements, etc. in the May issue is April 22nd. Advertisement rates are £5 full page, £2.80 half page, £1.50 quarter page, and 80p one-eighth page. Small ads are accepted at 10p per line or part line.

Copy to be handed to Ken Anderson, Sue Turner, Janet Wood, or George Clapinski (see page 1). Please note the Editor reserves the right to edit copy. Anonymous letters or copy will not be published, neither can we guarantee publication of late copy.

BAR HILL INFORMATION BOOKLET

Given that we get sufficient response from club secretaries, etc., and local tradesmen, the BHRA intend to publish what could be a most useful Village Directory. Peter Hoare at 14 Pheasant Rise (80758) is masterminding this task. Secretaries of the various village organisations who would like the free publicity for their club are asked to complete the form below (or copy it) and return it to Peter Hoare. Those people who have already replied to the request need not do so again. Only with your support, is it considered feasible to publish a comprehensive booklet by the end of May. Advertisements (for rates see above) are also welcomed.

Name of organisation:

Secretary's name, address and telephone number:

Frequency and place of meetings (days/time):

Subscription (if any):

Any other relevant details (including general aims of organisation where not immediately obvious):

Thank you.

Poter Hoare, 14 Pheasant Rise (80758)

BHRA - FROM THE SECRETARY'S NOTEPAD

J. Nunn and Sons Limited

You may have read in recent Newspaper reports that Nunns have applied to go into voluntary liquidation and a creditors' meeting was called on March 24th in Ipswich. Both the BHRA and the Parish Council are concerned about this setback and will be advising residents as soon as the future position is clearer. Meanwhile, any residents that are creditors (including those residents who have unclaimed £5 vouchers for non-use of maintenance facilities) should write giving details of their claims to J. Nunn and Sons Limited, Knightsdale Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 4JN (by recorded delivery). Guarantee queries and claims should be sent direct to N.H.B.R.C., 58 Portland Place, London, W.1.

Commercial Vehicle Parking

I have received an anonymous letter from "a resident" following my recent request to the owners of commercial vehicles to park in the industrial area. Whilst it is not our policy to publish unacknowledged letters, a number of points have been raised which other residents may wish to comment on. The BHRA cannot comment on anonymous hearsay but welcome any topics that residents may wish to raise.

Points raised include:

- "vehicles parked on the perimeter road verge are not causing an obstruction, unlike vehicles parked at the entrance to Otlands Avenue and Otter Close"
- "people using garage forecourts to turn their cars round"
- "residents using electric drills on party walls and playing record players and pianos late in the evening"

Children's Playground

Progress, although still at the desk stage, is encouraging. Any residents offering help in the construction of the equipment or procurement of materials will be welcomed. Please contact Kevin Read-Jones.

Committee Members

We are pleased to have received two applications for the vacancies on the Committee. However, we still require another Committee member.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday July 5th - Bar Hill Village Games (Sports Day)
- more details next month

Monday April 14th - BHRA Committee meeting, 7.30 p.m.,
41 Otter Close.

Kevin Read-Jones

Parish Council - from the Parish Clerk

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 15th in the School at 8 p.m. All residents are invited to attend.

A 604 Flyover

It was pleasing to see such a good attendance at the meeting on Tuesday 11th March, with the contractors and resident engineer. I am asked to emphasise that any complaints should be made to the resident engineer, Mr. Hollaway. I hope it will be possible to advise of any planned interruptions or disruptions to traffic flow through the Bar Hill News.

J. Nunn and Sons of Ipswich Limited

As mentioned in the Secretary's notepad, a creditors' meeting was called on March 24th. This does not directly affect Bar Hill Developments Limited from whom you bought your house.

We have already endeavoured to protect the Village's position as far as possible. With regards to Pheasant Rise, it may be that the guarantor of the agreement, between Nunns and the County Council, to provide roads and lights, will ultimately be called upon to complete the work. For Hollytrees, the position is not clear and we are keeping a close watch. If anyone needs advice or help, I will be pleased to assist.

Allotments

We now have the landscaping plans for the area in the Southwest corner of the village. We hope that the work will be done in the near future, but it may depend on earth moving equipment being available in the Village.

Village Green

Arrangements are being made for the application of fertiliser and weed killer to the 11 acres of grass.

Office Block

The Council are objecting to the Planning Application for a two-storey office block next to Keymarkets.

Village Trust/Maintenance

By the time you read this, most of you will have received the Developers' proposals and maintenance demands. You will no doubt appreciate the subject is complex. We are also talking about the future of the village. We and the BHRA hope to hold an open meeting in June with the Developers to discuss the proposals for the future maintenance arrangements of the village.

Mark Pettit
28 Acorn Avenue (80400)

Competition Corner

I only received one correct solution to last month's problem and so congratulations (again) to Alan Jackson, 6 Pheasant Rise.

The length of the rope was 5 feet. For those of you still in the dark, the monkey is $1\frac{1}{2}$ years old; his mother is $2\frac{1}{2}$ years old. The monkey weighs $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., the same as the weight (since they balance each other). Thus the rope weighs $1\frac{1}{4}$ lbs., and as the rope is 4 oz. per foot, its length must be 5 feet!

April's Problems

Two easier problems for you this month. Rules for entry as per normal (BHRA member households only) with a 50p prize for the first correct solutions opened on April 15th. Entries marked Problem 1 or Problem 2 to "Knowall", c/o 23 Foxhollow.

Problem 1

The local librarian has been very busy. On Monday she catalogued only some of the new books she received. Tuesday she received as many new books as were uncatalogued on Monday and catalogued 10. Wednesday she received 12 more than on Monday, and catalogued as many as she had done on that day. Three times as many books arrived on Thursday as she had catalogued on Wednesday, and 8 were catalogued. On Friday, 6 books arrived and 12 fewer were catalogued than were received on Wednesday. On Saturday she was able to catalogue the outstanding 16 books as the library was closed. How many books arrived on Monday?

Problem 2

1. There are just four common words ending with the letters - DOUS. Three of them are STUPENDOUS, HORRENDOUS and TREMENDOUS. What is the fourth one?
2. If COS scores 0 and MEW scores 4, how many will HANKY score?

Good luck,

Knowall.

Royal British Legion - Bar Hill Branch

Tickets are now on sale for the Social and Dance on April 19th at £1 each. Dancing is to the versatile "B.B. Trio" and tickets are available from Forbuoy's, 23, 32 and 34 Partridge Drive, 22 and 30 Gladeside and 43 Foxhollow.

Our future branch meetings, all in the school, will be held at 8 p.m. on 16th April, 14th May and 11th June. Why not come along and join your local branch - ex-service or not, all are welcomed.

Please note that on Saturday, 14th June there will be a county buffet dance at Cottenham Village College.

W. Reeve.

Hon. Sec.

1st Bar Hill Scout Group

JOB WEEK - Once again Job Week has arrived. It does not seem possible that a whole year has passed since the boys went round the village asking for jobs to do. This is the one time of the year that we ask you to pay the boys for the work they do and how much you pay depends on you. Bob a Job has vanished now so please pay a realistic sum for the job done. Job Week starts on 29th March and carries on to 5th April but excluding Easter Sunday and Monday. The younger boys will be working in pairs and if you think that someone older and larger is required for a particular job, get in touch with Gerry Craske phone 80570 (home) or 80503 (office) who will arrange for one of the Scouts to call on you. All the boys have official cards which we ask you to complete when they have finished the job. Last year the boys had a great time and received grand support from the village. We look forward to the same again this year.

MAY BALL - Just to remind you that we will be having our May Ball on Friday May 2nd at the school, starting at 8 p.m. and going on till 1 a.m. A licensed bar has been applied for and the tickets which cost £1.00 each cover the cost of the buffet as well as entrance. Tickets are available from:

Carol Chamberlain	-	2, Fox Hollow
Dave Harris	-	11, Gladeside
Tom Stevenson	-	40, Partridge Drive
Tom Flannagan	-	104, Pheasant Rise

or any other member of the Group Council. We look forward to seeing you all on the evening, you can be assured of a good time.

SECTION REPORTS - Both the Packs and the Troop are now stood down for the Easter holidays. The re-start dates are as follows:

Wednesday Cub Scouts	-	23rd April
Friday Cub Scouts	-	18th April
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Recently the Cubs from the Friday evening pack entered a football league and finished top! Of course we are all very pleased about this as are the boys. We would like to take this opportunity to say a sincere thankyou to Dick Williams for all the work he has done with the boys in this field. Without his help and guidance we would not even have had a team. Thanks Dick!

WASTE PAPER - Phew!!! We have had a few problems since the last newsletter. The Cambridge Waste Paper Company to whom we sell our paper has informed us that they will not be able to take any more from us for the present time. This seemed like the end but thanks to one of our parents from Dry Drayton, Mr. Holt, we are able to continue. We wont bore you with details, suffice to say we now have another outlet. So comes the 12th April, we will be out again collecting all the waste paper you can put out for us. The support last month was just great, a few more months like that and we will soon have that patrol tent! Thankyou.

G.A. Craske.

34 Partridge Drive (80570)

Thankyou

Mark Miller of Ely would like to thank all those people concerned with delivering and answering his questionnaires on Bar Hill. Mark was doing a project on the village for C.S.E.

but was unable, at the time, to come round the village personally. I apologise for the delay in conveying Mark's thanks - I had undertaken to do this but kept forgetting.

Madge Smith

12 Almond Grove

8 O'Clock Club

Our next meeting is April 17th (our birthday party) and will include tea and election of new Committee members. Tickets available to members at 25p each from Mrs. W. Hassel.

Our mystery coach trip is on Thursday, May 1st - meet outside Keymarkets at 7 p.m. Price 65p. The meal will be paid for individually. If you'd like to join us contact Mrs. C. Wickings, 58 Acorn Avenue (80579)

Church Centre - Nearly New Stall

Next sale is on Tuesday, April 8th (7.30 - 9 p.m.) and April 9th (10 a.m. - 12 noon) at the Church Centre. Please mark articles with your name, address, price and size if possible and bring them at the time of the sale. One third of the proceeds goes to the Church funds. Collect unsold items by 12 noon on April 9th! All clothes for sale should be clean! A 5p entry fee will be charged.

Future sales will be on the 1st Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning of the month, except August and September when there is no sale.

Judith Dale

Ballet

Examinations in Russian Classical Ballet took place in February and all Bar Hill candidates were successful.

<u>Preliminary Grade:</u>	<u>Honours</u>	Fiona Wilson, Amanda Hassall, Ghazala Sharieff
	<u>Distinction</u>	Emana Fenton
	<u>Merit</u>	Teresa Couzens, Nicola Hackett, Anita Jenkins, Leslie Wilson, Rosalind Wills, Catherine Prandy
	<u>Pass +</u>	Jennifer Wilson
<u>Grade I:</u>	<u>Honours</u>	Alison Kenchington, Karen Pierce
	<u>Merit</u>	Jessica Bishop, Sarah Paulson, Carol Evans, Siobhan Devine

Congratulations to everyone.

Maureen Singh

Yoga

The Tuesday morning class has now unfortunately closed. However, there is a flourishing class on Thursday evenings at Swavesey Village College (7.30 - 9.30 p.m.) with the same instructor, Bob Roberts. Term begins on April 17th and continues for 10 weeks; new members are welcome and need have no previous experience of Yoga.

Gill Wills

Bar Hill Badminton Club

Bar Hill Badminton Club welcome new players, experienced or wishing to learn.

For further details please contact any of the below listed club members:

Kevin Read-Jones, 23 Foxhollow (80384)
Bob Muir, 2 Otter Close (80394)

Drama Group

Regular Monday evening meetings start again on the 21st April at 8 p.m. in the school. Come along and help us to decide the details of our next production. There's bound to be a part for you!

T. Collins
23 Oatlands Avenue

Kids' Page - April

Thank you for your writing about the wind, I enjoyed it very much.

Alison Bowles (age 5)

The wind is cold
It makes the trees rock from side to side
And the brown leaves dance and twirl
Into a crunchy carpet.

Joanne Purvey (age 9)

Calm, calm as the grass
Growing slowly, slowly
On the lawn.
Then whoosh a gust
Of wind sends the
Grass a-quiver.
Now everything is still
Again except for a
Solitary bird in
The cloudless sky.
Whoosh, whoosh, wind
Wind there goes my
Windmill round and
Round.
And here comes a cloud
And there a bird
Swoops to the ground.
Wind, wind, wind
Now the wind is
Hustling the leaves.
My swing begins to
Sway, whoosh, whoosh, the
Wind is at play.
Now the branches of
My tree begin to sway
And an apple falls to the
Ground.
Wind, Wind, Wind
What a gusty day..

Nicholas Oakley Smith (age 9)

The wind whistles through my hair
Wooshing through the air.
It's only a slight breeze now
I can feel it flowing through my fingers
Swoosh and a swish its back again,
Twirling, twisting, rushing and gusting
Quickly through the sky.
Its started to rain. I'll put my umbrella up,
The wind's getting stronger,
"Crack"
What's that?
It's my umbrella!
It's turned inside out.

Stella Bowes (age 10)

My ears are aching
My face is cold
My legs are red and sore
I am covered in goose pimples
I can feel this thing lashing against my back
It sends shivers right through my body.
I hate this thing it hurts my chest
The wind.

Philippa Oakley-Smith (age 11)

The wind rushing through my hair
Swish
What's that
It's my hat!
The wind stings and flings in my
Face as I chase after my hat
"Oh hat" I call
"Come back" but alas all in vain
For I see my hat in a bramble bush
Twisting
Flinging
Struggling as the bramble bush
Tears my poor hat to pieces.
I hate the wind!
I hate the bramble bush.

Steven Bowes (age 11)

Sweeping across the sky
Twisting and turning
Wriggling and writhing like an injured snake
Icy cold yet as fast as lightning
Whining and pining
Turning faces red
Chilling you to the marrow
Trees bow down before his forked fingers
Travelling clean through your body
As angry as an ogre
A creation of the devil.

More Jokes

Q. Who invented fire?

A. Some bright spark.

Q. Who invented hooks?

A. I don't know but it never caught on.

(Nicky Oakley-Smith - 9)

Q. Where is Felixstowe?

A. On Felix's foot.

(David Morgan - 21+)

Q. What do you call an ugly lady on a horse?

A. Saddlebag.

(John Featherstone - 10)

Q. How do you avoid being poisoned by a spider?

A. Don't eat it!

(Phillip Featherstone - 25+)

And one from me

Q. How do you tell the difference between a weasel and a stoat?

A. A weasel is weasely recognised but a stoat is stoatally different!

This month, try watching people, and we'll have a people page next month. Write a short piece about someone who lives or works in Bar Hill, a grownup or a child, a friend, relation, someone in a shop, at school, the postman, anyone. You could make it like a puzzle, writing about the person, but not mentioning their name. It could be a poem or a song. Perhaps we could print them without naming the person or make our readers guess who it is. Entries to me at school or at home (97 Pheasant Rise) with your name, age, and the name of the person you are writing about.

Please would older brothers and sisters talk to younger ones about this page. I would like more entries from 5 and 6 year olds as well as juniors.

Sally Featherstone.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S

The BHRA require a typewriter, in good condition, for which they are prepared to pay a reasonable sum (for a reasonable machine). However, funds are limited! If you have one for sale, or know where we can obtain one, please contact Kevin Read-Jones, 23 Foxhollow (80384).

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